

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 674

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Nolan "Dude" Northcutt on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Northcutt is celebrating his 100th birthday on March 20, 2014, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Nolan Northcutt, known as "Dude" to his friends, was born March 20, 1914, to Lee and Angia Ann Jennings Northcutt; he was orphaned just before his eleventh birthday and moved to Woodbury from Huntsville, Alabama, in 1926 to live with his maternal uncle, Selmer Jennings; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, Mr. Northcutt began working as a mechanic for the Cannon County Highway Department; after deciding that he wanted to work for himself, he opened a Sudden Service Station. During World War II, he was awarded a dealership from Chrysler Corporation to sell DeSoto and Plymouth automobiles and renamed his business Northcutt Motor Company; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 1934, Nolan Northcutt was joined in marriage with Annie Lefevers, and the couple's blessed union produced three children, Ann Northcutt (John) McBride, Faye (Britt) Northcutt-Knox, and Richard Anderson Northcutt, five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren; Nolan and Annie enjoyed sixty joyful years of marriage before her passing in May of 1995; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of Cannon County, Mr. Northcutt has served his community as the Mayor of Woodbury, Chairman of the Cannon County Board of Education,

and County Executive; he was instrumental in founding the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a volunteer firefighter for many years; and

WHEREAS, entering his eleventh decade, Nolan Northcutt continues to be an asset to his community as one of the oldest and most active members of the Woodbury Lions Club, with over sixty years of service; he is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has held various club offices throughout his years of service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family and friends of Nolan "Dude" Northcutt in the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend our best wishes for his continued happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.